improve all the hospitals within so short a period. The improvements that have been carried out by this Government during the last few years are marvellous and I shall refer to them in my budget speech.

OPIUM AND GANJA—FARMING OF—PARTICULARS REGARDING.

50. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the amount realised by farming out opium and ganja for the last 10 years;

(*b*) the names of opium and ganja contractors during the years mentioned above;

(*c*) whether the monopoly for the whole State is given to the same contractor?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* (*a*) & (*b*) Statements are appended. *(Appendix I & II.)*

(*c*) No.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Under Mr. Kochuvaried there is one Mr. Prasnand. Is he a subordinate of Mr. Kochuvaried. I want to know whether he is an agent or servant of Mr. Kochuvaried?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* I have no information.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is not there a decrease in recent years in the annual rental of these shops? How can the Excise Commissioner account for it?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* Is there any decrease after all? Where?

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* I have calculated. Please see Kanayannur for 1114.

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* It is simply for want of bidders to compete.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* That is the result of giving what is called a monopoly. Please see the persons who bid.

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* Every shop is auctioned independently. If there are no bidders coming forward Government cannot refuse to sell the shops.

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APPENDIX I.

(Vide answer to Question No. 50.)

Opium.

Year	Taluk	Rentals per year Rs.	Name of contractors	Remarks
1105 & 1106	Kanayannur	17,010	T. V. Kochuvaried	Biennial lease
	Cochin	12,400	do.	
	Cranganur	1,350	V. V. Prasnand	
	Mukundapuram	7,120	do.	
	Trichur	10,155	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Talappalli	3,515	do.	
	Chittur	1,575	V. V. Prasnand & K. R. Ouseph	
1107	Kanayannur	16,000	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Cochin	11,660	do.	
	Cranganur	1,270	A. Manicka Menon	
	Mukundapuram	6,700	V. V. Prasnand	
	Trichur	9,500	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Talappalli	3,305	do.	
	Chittur	1,200	P. Chenthamara Menon	
1108	Kanayannur	15,500	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Cochin	11,000	do.	
	Cranganur	1,100	V. V. Prasnand	
	Mukundapuram	6,440	do.	
	Trichur	9,200	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Talappalli	3,410	do.	
	Chittur	1,560	P. Chenthamara Menon	
1109	Kanayannur	15,000	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Cochin	10,340	do.	
	Cranganur	1,100	V. V. Prasnand	
	Mukundapuram	6,440	do.	
	Trichur	8,900	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Talappalli	3,445	do.	
	Chittur	1,920	T. P. Subramania Ayyar	
1110	Kanayannur	15,000	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Cochin	10,340	do.	
	Cranganur	1,110	do.	
	Mukundapuram	6,450	do.	
	Trichur	8,900	do.	
	Talappalli	3,440	do.	
	Chittur	1,920	T. C. Narayanaswami Pillai	

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APPENDIX I.—(*cont.*)

Year	Taluk	Rentals per year Rs.	Name of contractors	Remarks
1111	Kanayannur	15,000	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Cochin	10,340	do.	
	Cranganur	1,120	do.	
	Mukundapuram	6,450	V. V. Prasnand	
	Trichur	8,900	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Talappalli	3,445	do.	
	Chittur	1,800	P. Chenthamara Menon	
1112	Kanayannur	15,000	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Cochin	10,340	do.	
	Cranganur	1,120	V. V. Prasnand	
	Mukundapuram	6,450	do.	
	Trichur	8,900	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Talappalli	3,445	V. V. Prasnand	
	Chittur	1,700	H. Allapicha Rowther	
1113	Kanayannur	13,300	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Cochin	8,840	do.	
	Cranganur	1,240	V. V. Prasnand	
	Mukundapuram	5,410	do.	
	Trichur	7,600	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Talappalli	2,850	do.	
	Chittur	1,500	H. Allapicha Rowther	
1114	Kanayannur	11,950	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Cochin	8,840	do.	
	Cranganur	1,240	V. V. Prasnand	
	Mukundapuram	4,760	do.	
	Trichur	7,600	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Talappalli	2,500	do.	
	Chittur	1,380	P. Chenthamara Menon	

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APPENDIX II.

(Vide answer to Question No. 50.)

Ganja.

Year	Taluk	Rentals per year Rs.	Name of contractors	Remarks
1105 & 1106	Kanayannur	5,515	V. U. Kunjubava, K. V. Chacko, K. D. Chakko and K. O. Ittiachan	Biennial lease
	Cochin	4,820	R. S. Bennia Setty, K. S. Krishnan, C. A. Raphael, K. L. Paily, K. X. Anthappan, V. V. Ales, M. P. Kochappu, M. K. Krishnan, C. S. Kunjan Menon and T. R. Kunjan	
	Cranganur	555	V. V. Prasnand	
	Mukundapuram	2,521	do.	
	Trichur	5,935	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Talappalli	4,340	K. O. Cheru, C. I. Ukkru, V. P. Thanchappan, P. O. Iyyukutty, C. T. Cheru, V. I. Chakkoru, K. O. Cheru	
	Chittur	3,505	V. V. Prasnand	
1107	Kanayannur	5,235	V. U. Kunjubava, K. V. Chakko, K. D. Chakko, P. P. Poulo	
	Cochin	5,368	V. A. Meenakammathy, K. S. Krishnan, C. A. Raphael V. Madhava Menon, P. A. Easy, R. S. Veeramani Chetty, M. P. Kochappu, M. K. Krishnan, C. S. Kunjan Menon, P. M. Sreenivasa Pai	
	Cranganur	520	A. Manicka Menon	
	Mukundapuram	2,360	V. V. Prasnand	
	Trichur	5,500	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Talappalli	4,125	P. O. Iyyukutty	
	Chittur	3,000	P. Chenthamara Menon	
1108	Kanayannur	5,610	V. U. Kunjubava, K. V. Chakko, and P. K. Skaria	
	Cochin	6,245	R. S. Veeramani Chetty, K. S. Krishnan, C. A. Raphael, V. Madhava Menon, C. S. Kunjan Menon, M. P. Kochappu, K. K. Unni, M. K. Krishnan, P. M. Sreenivasa Pai	

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Year	Taluk	Rentals per year Rs.	Name of contractors	Remarks
1108	Cranganur	520	V. V. Prasnand	
	Mukundapuram	2,360	do.	
	Trichur	5,500	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Talappalli	4,680	K. C. Ukkru, P. O. Iyyukutty, K. P. Kuttikrishnan Nayar, C. T. Ukkru, E. Enasu and P. K. Kittappan	
	Chittur	3,400	P. Chenthamara Menon	
1109	Kanayannur	6,445	V. U. Kunjubava, O. J. Joseph, K. V. Chakko, K. V. Kunjichakko and K. D. Chakko	
	Cochin	7,005	R. S. Veeramani Chetty, K. S. Krishnan, C. A. Raphael, V. Madhava Menon, M. P. Kochappu, M. K. Krishnan, C. S. Kunjan Menon, P. M. Sreenivasa Pai	
	Cranganur	590	V. V. Prasnand	
	Mukundapuram	2,360	do.	
	Trichur	5,500	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Talappalli	5,460	P. O. Iyyukutty	
	Chittur	5,400	P. Chenthamara Menon	
1110	Kanayannur	7,840	V. U. Kunjubava, V. K. Bava, K. S. Chakkrapani, K. V. Chakko, K. D. Chakko	
	Cochin	7,090	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Cranganur	530	do.	
	Mukundapuram	2,360	do.	
	Trichur	5,500	do.	
	Talappalli	5,460	K. C. Ukkru, P. O. Iyyukutty	
	Chittur	5,400	T. C. Narayanaswami Pillai	
1111	Kanayannur	7,075	V. U. Kunjubava, T. V Kochuvaried, M. I. Sanku, K. V. Chakko	
	Cochin	7,100	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Cranganur	540	do.	

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Year	Taluk	Rentals per year Rs.	Name of contractors	Remarks
1111	Mukundapuram	2,430	V. V. Prasnand	
	Trichur	5,500	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Talappalli	5,260	K. C. Ukkru P. O. Iyyukutty and C. Narayanaswami Pillai	
	Chittur	3,830	P. Chenthamara Menon	
1112	Kanayannur	6,770	V. U. Kunjubava, K. V. Ouseph, K. K. Cheriath, E. M. Devassy and K. V. Chakko	
	Cochin	6,890	A. Meenakammathy, V. S. Narasinga Chetty, M. A. Kannappan, C. A. Chouro, A. Parameswara Menon, M. P. Kochappu, P. C. Kumaran, M. K. Krishnan and P. M. Sreenivasa Pai	
	Cranganur	540	V. V. Prasnand	
	Mukundapuram	2,360	do.	
	Trichur	5,570	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Talappalli	5,260	K. C. Ukkru P. O. Iyyukutty, V. V. Prasnand	
	Chittur	3,730	H. Allapicha Rowther	
1113	Kanayannur	6,520	V. U. Kunjubava, K. V. Chakko, K. K. Cheriath	
	Cochin	6,865	M. R. Druvasetty, M. A. Kannappan, C. A. Xavier, E. U. Parameswara Menon, K. C. Kunju, E. T. Ouseph, M. P. Kochappu, M. K. Krishnan, and P. M. Sreenivasa Pai	
	Cranganur	540	V. V. Prasnand	
	Mukundapuram	2,360	do.	
	Trichur	5,570	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Talappalli	4,500	do.	
	Chittur	3,183	H. Allapicha Rowther	
1114	Kanayannur	5,575	V. U. Kunjubava, K. V. Chakko, K. K. Cheriath	

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Year	Taluk	Rentals per year Rs	Name of contractors	Remarks
1114	Cochin	6,750	K. Vamana Prabhu, M. R. Druvasetty, M. A. Kannappan, C. A. Xavier, E. N. Parameswara Menon, P. N. Kunjunni Achan, E. T. Ouseph, M. M. Kochammu, M. K. Krishnan, N. K. Ammu	
	Cranganur	540	V. V. Prasnand	
	Mukundapuram	2,360	do.	
	Trichur	5,310	T. V. Kochuvaried	
	Talappalli	4,260	do.	
	Chittur	2,780	P. Chenthamara Menon	

General Discussion on the Budget.

Mr. President : The House will now take up the general discussion on the budget. Last year we fixed a time limit of 15 minutes for each member. I think the same time may be taken by the members this year also. According to the arrangement the non-official members can have the whole of this day and the forenoon of tomorrow and in the afternoon the Hon'ble Minister and the other members of the Government will speak.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* I must, at the very outset, congratulate the hon'ble Member for Finance for the very able budget presented in the House and the lucid manner in which it has been exposed. I must also congratulate the Government for the very happy state of affairs disclosed in the budget presented before the House. I ascribe it to and believe that it is in no small measure due to our gracious Maharaja who now shines as perhaps the leading ruler in the whole of India, who has shown, by his saintly life and by his strict adherence to all constitutional methods, which are strange in the land of India to-day, and by his love of his people, that the safety of the monarch depends more upon the satisfaction of the people he governs. I may even make bold to say that on account of all the manifold qualities displayed by His Highness during his regime, Cochin now occupies the position of the Leader of the Indian

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